

REMARKS

This preliminary amendment directs the amendment of claims 11, 16 and 21, and the addition of new claims 28-33.

Claim 11 is amended for stylistic consistency with claims 13, 19, and others.

For the most part, the other amended and new claims merely recited elements appearing in other, originally filed claims, but in different combinations. The amended and new claims emphasize one or more features that the developer solution or fluid is:

- (a) of uniform, fresh strength (description at page 8 line 17 and page 12 line 20);
- (b) applied to a succession of plates (original claim 11);
- (c) at a uniform thickness (original claim 1 and description at page 4 lines 18-25 and page 5 line 27);
- (d) without horizontal movement relative to the plate (original claims 5, 12, 15, 20 and 24 description at page 5 line 30 and page 8 line 13);
- (e) preferably 2-10 mils thick and active for about 20-60 seconds (original claims 9 and 14, and description at page 12 line 13);
- (f) sent to waste after rinsing (original claim 10 and description at page 12 lines 15-19).
- (g) applied with a self-leveling flow only a quantity that produces the uniform film thickness (original claims 1, 5, 17, 22, and 24 and description at page 4 lines 22 and page 20, lines 1-15).

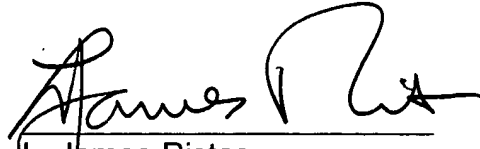
None of the claims presents new matter, and all relate to the core concept of applying a uniform film of developer to the plate, that produces uniform development (page 7 line 20 and page 14 lines 13-28).

Payment of the new claims is also enclosed.

Applicant respectfully requests prompt and favorable consideration.

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